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Application No. : 09/778,375  
Applicant(s) : MATTIAS SCHMIDT, et al.  
Filed : February 7, 2001  
Title : Absorbent Article With Phase Change Material  
TC/A.U. : 3761  
Examiner : Michelle M. Kidwell  
Conf. No. : 6856  
Docket No. : 8414Q

AMENDMENT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of April 15, 2003 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 3 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Drawings* begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.

An *Appendix* including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of paper.

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- 2) Amendment (9 pages);
- 3) Drawings: 3 Replacement Sheets;
- 4) Drawings: 3 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes;
- 5)

Inventor(s): Mattias Schmidt, et al.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Mattias Schmidt, et al. Confirmation No. 6856

Serial No.: 09/778,375 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: February 7, 2001 Examiner: Michelle M. Kidwell

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL

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